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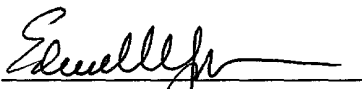
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In re: A non-provisional patent application entitled CONTINUOUSLY
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MANUFACTURING THE SAME.

Applicants: WILLIAM J. COOPER, THOMAS SHILALE AND STEVEN
FLANNERY

Included are: A specification of 34 pages with 8 independent claims and 53 claims
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First Named Inventor WILLIAM J. COOPER

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